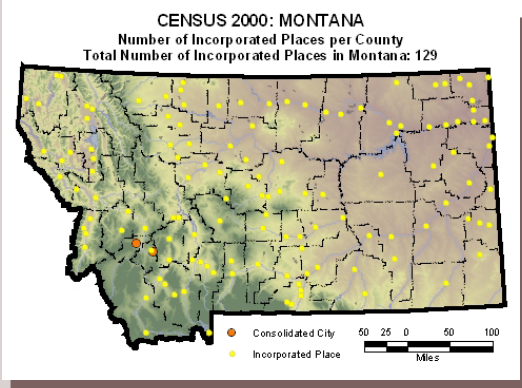


Geographic Information System

CEIC's Geographic Information System (GIS) Program can assist with integrating Census or other statistical data into maps or GIS applications. GIS is the computer hardware, software and data that is stored and manipulated for mapping and analysis by highly trained personnel. GIS synthesizes geographic data and other data (such as Census data) in order to create a map.



Access Data and Analysis Online

CEIC provides access to, and education on, using Census data and other federal and state statistical resources. Training and assistance with development of GIS applications is also available. CEIC's comprehensive web site allows clients to research and collect Montana data in an easily accessible, accurate, and timely manner...and is the most efficient way to compile current Montana data released by the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. Visit the web site at www.ceic.mt.gov.

State Data Center Affiliates

BILLINGS

Library - Montana State
University - Billings
<http://www.msubillings.edu/library>

Parmly Billings Library*
<http://www.billings.lib.mt.us>

Center for Applied
Economic Research
Montana State
University - Billings
<http://www.msubillings.edu/caer/>

BOZEMAN

Bozeman Public Library
<http://www.bozemanlibrary.org>

Montana Extension Service
Montana State
University-Bozeman
<http://www.extn.msu.montana.edu>

MSU-Bozeman Libraries
Montana State
University-Bozeman
<http://www.lib.montana.edu>

BROWNING

Blackfeet Tribal
Planning Department*
Blackfeet Nation
www.blackfeetnation.com

BUTTE

Library - Montana Tech. of the
University of Montana
<http://www.mtech.edu/library>

Butte Local Development Corp.
<http://www.buttemontana.org>

DILLON

Carson Library
University of Montana/Western
<http://www.umwestern.edu/library>

GLASGOW

Glasgow City-County Library

GLENDALE

Jane Carey Memorial Library*
Dawson Community College
<http://www.dawson.edu/library>

GREAT FALLS

Great Falls Public Library
<http://www.greatfallslibrary.org>

HAVRE

Vande Bogart Library
Montana State University-Northern
<http://www.msun.edu/infotech/library>

Bear Paw Development Corp.*
<http://www.bearpaw.org>

HELENA

Lewis & Clark Library
<http://www.lewisandclarklibrary.org>

KALISPELL

Kalispell Small Business Dev. Center
<http://www.kalispellchamber.com/>

LEWISTOWN

Lewistown Public Library*
<http://www.lewistownlibrary.org>

LIBBY

Lincoln County Public Library
<http://www.lincolncountylibraries.com>

MILES CITY

Miles City Public Library*
<http://www.ilescitypubliclibrary.org/>

MISSOULA

Mansfield Library*
University of Montana-Missoula
<http://www.lib.umd.edu>

Missoula Public Library
<http://www.missoula.lib.mt.us>

Missoula Area Economic
Development Corporation*
<http://www.maedc.org>

PABLO

D'Arcy McNickle Library
Salish Kootenai College
<http://www.sk.edu/>

POPLAR

Fort Peck Tribal College Library
<http://www.fpcc.edu>

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Census and Economic Information Center



In the information age, the challenge is not to find an available set of numbers, but rather to find the best data for use in analysis and decision-making. CEIC can help access the data needed to make sure individuals, organizations, and communities are able to plan for the future by turning data into knowledge.



U.S. Census Bureau



American Indians represent 6.5% of Montana's population, but less than 1% of the U.S. population.

American Community Survey

Starting in 2010, the American Community Survey (ACS) will replace the Census long form, providing more timely and accurate demographic, housing, social and economic information. Data from this survey will be released every year, enhancing users' ability to make better informed decisions. While 2010 may seem a little far off, the new survey is already being conducted in parts of Montana, and it won't be long before we have a fresh look at how our communities are changing.

Photos courtesy of Travel Montana



Turning Data Into Knowledge

Assistance With Your Data Needs

The Census and Economic Information Center provides demographic and economic data and analysis, GIS support, technical assistance and training. CEIC assists Montana businesses and communities along with schools and government agencies to access and use this information for decision-making.

One Big Small Town

Montana has been described as "a small town with long streets" or as the state with "more cows than people." To find out who we are and what we do, there are a variety of resources available.

People

The U.S. Census Bureau provides census count and current estimates of the number of inhabitants of the nation, regions, states, cities, counties, reservations, and other areas. It also furnishes a wide variety of information on social and economic characteristics of the population, such as household composition, ethnicity, and income along with in-depth reports on important social, economic, and demographic issues.

Economic

The economic health of the state and counties can be determined by using data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) which provides average wage per job, per capita and total personal income, wage and salary employment and disbursements, as well as earnings and employment by industry. BEA also provides a look at the market value of goods and services produced by labor and property in the state, known as the Gross State Product.

Business

Business data, available from a variety of sources including government and non-government entities, covers many topics and trades such as sales volume at furniture stores or payroll for the manufacturing industry. Other topics include the number and type of business establishments in the state, major industries, and characteristics of business owners.



Montana's **Information** Sector grew by 32% between 1997 and 2002.

Census Data Workshops

If you are a data user, or just beginning to explore the vast information available through the U.S. Census Bureau, and are interested in hosting a workshop in your area please give us a call. We have several prepared workshops, but can also customize a presentation to meet your organization's needs. We are always interested in how these data are applied across Montana.

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